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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR

SUBJ: IIN PURCHASE OF PASSENGER CARGO BOATS

REF: STATE 202080TEHRAN 7297

EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR

1. NAVY BUSHIPS INFORMS THAT FREEZE HAS BEEN PUT ON PROCUREMENT OF MK III PATROL BOATS (FMS CASE IR-LAJ-P2) BY NAVMAT PENDING DECISION WHETHER CONTRACT WILL BE RESERVED FOR SMALL BUSINESS OR OPENED TO ALL BIDDERS. PETERSON HAD SEEMED LIKELY WINNER OF CONTRACT IF IT RESTRICTED TO SMALL BUSINESS BUT SEWARD- TELEDYNE HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO HAVE CONTRACT OPENED TO ALL BIDDERS CLAIMING IT CAN PRODUCE BOATS AT SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER COST THAN SMALL COMPANY. WE DO NOT HAVE IN-HOUSE CAPABILITY TO JUDGE CORRECTNESS THAT ASSERTION.

2. FURTHER TO PARA 2 STATE 202080 PASSENGER CARGO BOAT CASE (IR-LAN-P3) IS ON FAR BACK BURNER PENDING GOI DECISION AMONG NUMEROUS OPTIONS SUGGESTED TO MEET IIN NEEDS.

3. RETREATING FROM WHAT WE SUGGESTED IN REFTEL IT NOW APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT PRIVATE TELEDYNE CABLE SHOWN YOU (TEHRAN 7180) COULD INDEED REFER TO PATROL BOATS. IF SO,

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IT MAY BE PART OF SEWARD-TELEDYNE CAMPAIGN TO HAVE CONTRACT

OPENED TO ALL BIDDERS. IN ANY CASE, THERE IS OBVIOUS
POTENTIAL FOR MISUNDERSTANDING AND BITTERNESS IF IRANIANS
INFER ON BASIS TELEDYNE MESSAGE THAT THEY ARE BEING
OVERCHARGED FOR PATROL BOATS.

4. WE BELIEVE WE ARE NOW REACHING POINT WHERE WE WILL
HAVE TO EXPLAIN OURSELVES A GREAT DEAL MORE IN PURSUING
THIS MATTER AND BEST COURSE OF ACTION MAY NOW BE DIRECT
QUESTION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICE HERE ABOUT DIFFERENCE IN
TELEDYNE AND FMS PRICE. WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE THIS STEP
WITHOUT GREEN LIGHT FROM YOU. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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